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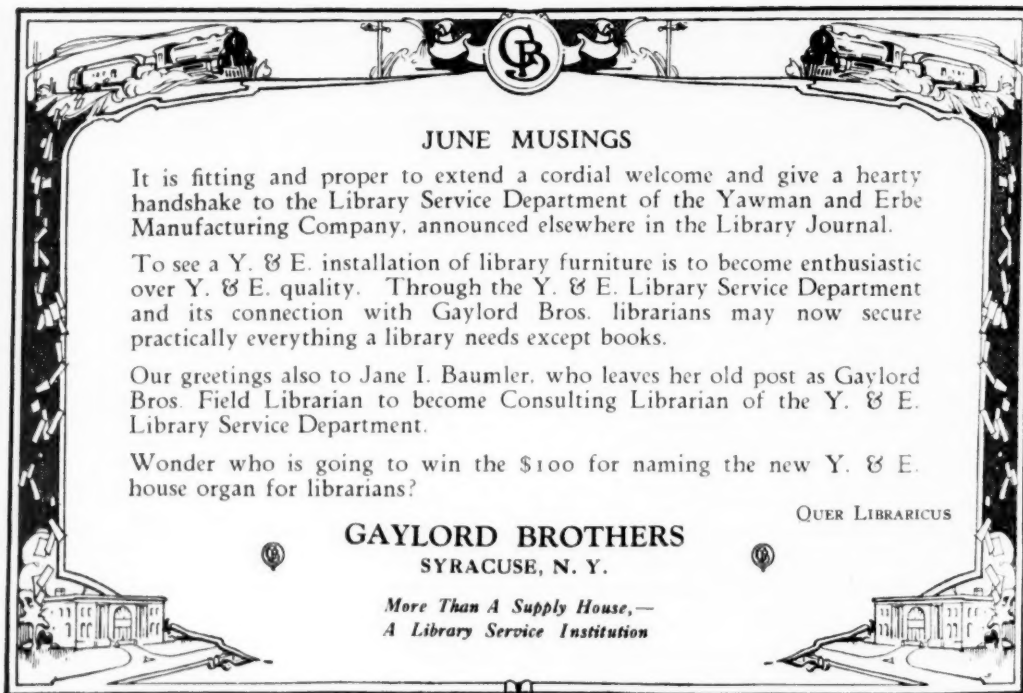
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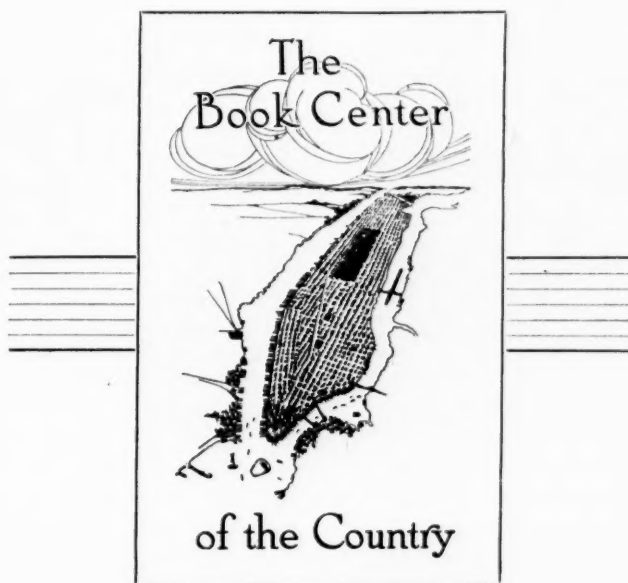
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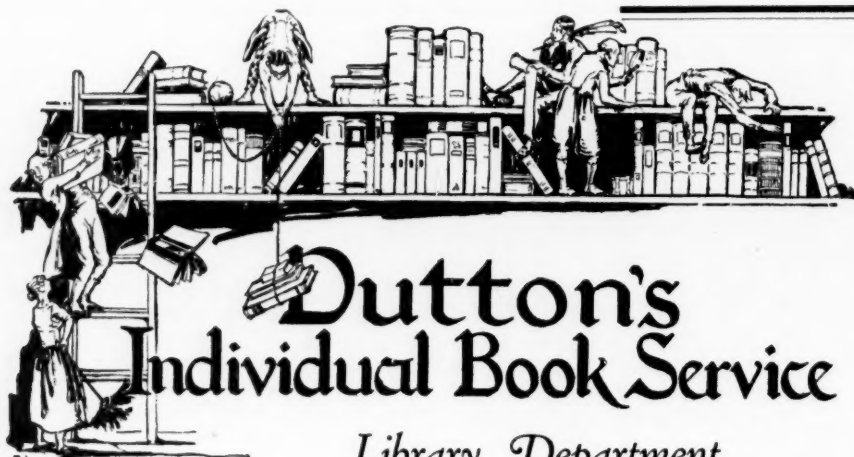
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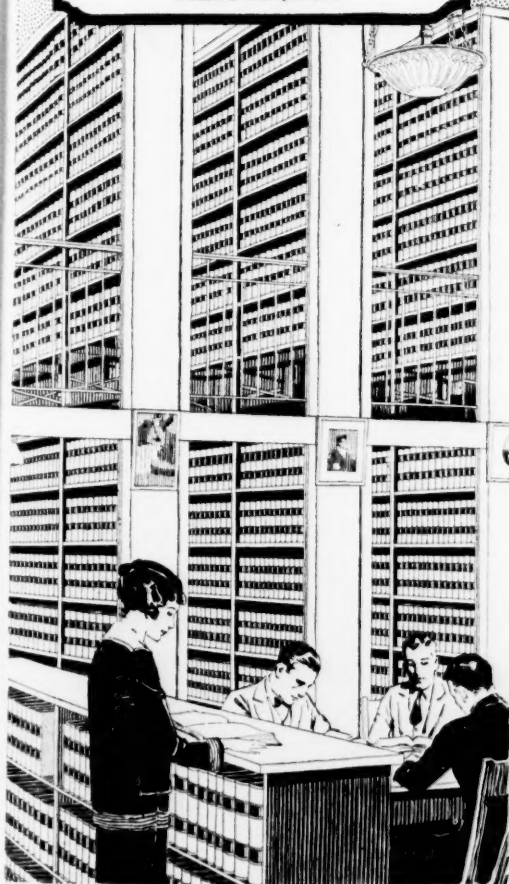
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The professional interests of librarians in the Northwest are centered in the Pacific Northwest Library Association, which now includes four hundred and twenty-five individual and sixty institutional members. This Association has held annual conferences since its founding in 1909 and its file of *Proceedings* gives a record of substantial accomplishment. Its Committee on Northwest Bibliography has been especially

active and has several notable publications to its credit. The Committee on Subscription Books is believed to be unique and its *Bulletin* serves as a most useful guide to Northwest librarians. School libraries, work with the blind, and other services have been materially aided thru the activity of committees. The essential weakness of the Association lies in its attempt to cover such a vast territory. The great majority of its members live on the Pacific Coast and most of its conferences must be held in the Coast cities. There are so few librarians in Idaho, Montana and Utah that these states find it difficult to maintain strong state associations, and they are too far distant to send large delegations to the P. N. L. A. conferences.

Many of the difficulties of library development in the Pacific Northwest are no different from those encountered in other sections—insufficient funds, apathetic public officials, and a public not yet fully aroused to its need of library service. But the Northwest does have some problems peculiar to itself, or at least peculiar to the West. Chief among them are the newness of the country and the consequent necessity of material development, the extreme sparseness of population, and the great distances. As a partial offset to these disadvantages, we have a comparatively small number of illiterates and unassimilated foreigners, a relatively high average income, a firm belief in the future of our western country, and at least a remnant of the old pioneer spirit which dares to do.

A description of library progress in Washington is chiefly a story of the larger cities and the educational institutions.

The Seattle Public Library is a development of the last thirty-five years and it has had to expand rapidly to keep pace with the growth of the city. The central building, completed in 1906 when Seattle had less than one-half of its present population, is now hopelessly outgrown and must be replaced or enlarged. As the city has spread outward, nine branches and many deposit stations have been established. Eight of

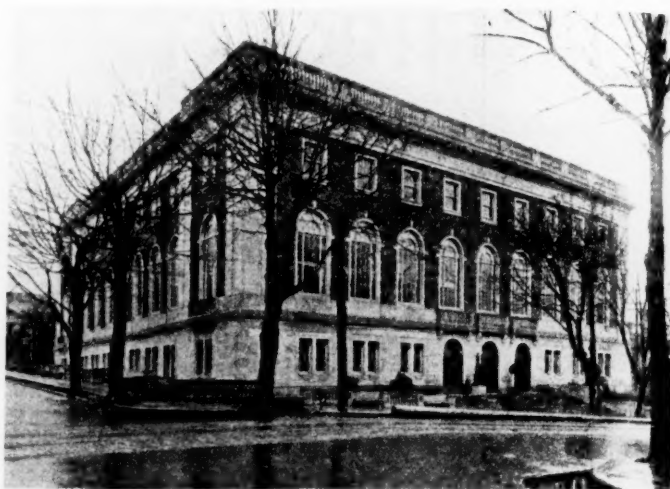
* The two papers contributed by Mr. Munn and Miss Buckhous continue the series on Northwestern libraries begun by Miss Sweet's "Libraries in Idaho" in May 1 number. In our last number appears Miss Marvin's Oregon story, and in the June 15th number will appear Mr. Killam's account of progress in British Columbia.

the branches are in permanent library buildings. Seattle has never reached the A. L. A. standard of an appropriation of a dollar per capita, but as compared with libraries generally, it has been liberally supported. Standards of admission to the staff have been high and seventy-six per cent of the present staff have had library school training.

Seattle ranks high in the home circulation of books. During 1924, the circulation was 2,219,019, or 6.4 books per capita. This large circulation is due to the natural demand for books and has not been stimulated at the expense of other services. Intensive reference work has been developed, with specialized divisions covering technology, the fine arts, municipal reference and education. Work with foreigners, co-operation with the schools, and service to the blind have all been emphasized.

Eastern librarians will notice some gaps in the book collections of this and other public libraries in Washington. Rare books and other museum material are almost entirely lacking, except in Spokane where the library has a small independent fund for the purchase of these items. There is no satisfactory genealogical collection anywhere in the state. The chief reason for these gaps is simply the fact that Washington libraries are products of a single lifetime. They are still busy collecting the necessities. Local history is considered a necessity and the larger libraries, at least, are building up strong collections of Pacific Northwest Americana.

Spokane is the state's second city and the center of the great Inland Empire. Its public library serves the city well thru a central library, three permanent branch buildings and a number of sub-branches. In Tacoma, a group of able librarians have given good service in spite of inadequate support and unfortunate political entanglements. The Everett Public Library claims the state's only book wagon. The public libraries of Bellingham, Yakima, Walla Walla, Olympia and several other cities compare favorably with libraries of corresponding size in the East. The situation among the smaller towns is described in the following report of a survey recently made by the state organizer.

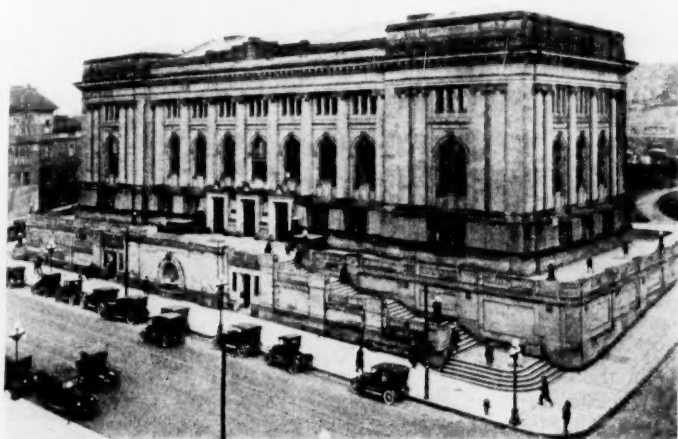


THE HOME OF THE PORTLAND (ORE.) LIBRARY ASSOCIATION ACTIVE FOR OVER SIXTY YEARS

"Only fifty-one public libraries in the state sent in reports for the year 1923, altho there are two hundred and ten incorporated towns and cities. Out of the fifty-one which reported, only twenty-one (in towns with a population of four thousand or more) have a yearly income of anything over \$3000 and could be organized, with a trained librarian in charge. This investigation showed that some twenty towns of from one thousand to three thousand population do not report any public library; also, that there are eleven counties which do not have within their borders any public library which is registered." It should perhaps be explained that most of these counties are in the heart of a great range of mountains and have average populations of less than six thousand, with no towns of any appreciable size.

The University of Washington was founded in Seattle in 1861, when the entire state had only eleven thousand inhabitants. For many years it was little more than a high school and it was not until 1906 that its enrollment reached one thousand. Since then, its growth has been rapid. Last year's registration reached a total of 7,844, with 5,200 full-time students on the campus. The University's standards of admission and graduation are now as high as those of any state university.

The University Library contains 150,000 volumes, collected almost entirely within the last twenty years. Because of its recent and careful selection, the library is far more valuable than its size would indicate. During recent years the library has purchased many of the fundamental sets of original authorities as a basis for re-



SEATTLE'S PUBLIC LIBRARY OPENED IN 1906 AND ALREADY OUTGROWN

search. It probably contains a much larger percentage of this type of material than most university libraries of similar size.

The library is now located in temporary quarters but this fall it will occupy the first unit of its splendid new building, which when completed, will seat one thousand five hundred readers and house a million volumes.

The University of Washington Library's greatest contribution to the development of Northwest libraries has been the training of the 163 graduates of its library school. This school, founded in 1911, gives a one-year course in library science to selected candidates who have completed three years of work in the college of liberal arts. The majority of the school's graduates have remained in the Northwest and have greatly raised the standard of librarianship in this section.

The Washington State College, at Pullman, is one of the country's leading agricultural colleges. Its library is strong not only in agriculture and engineering, but in cultural subjects as well.

The state's three normal schools all have trained librarians and good working collections. An understanding of the importance of the library is becoming a part of every new teacher's equipment. Practically every school district in the state has a school library of some kind; in the high schools of the larger cities they are excellent, with trained and experienced librarians, well chosen books, and good physical equipment.

Washington cannot produce a single example of a well organized special library, but as the manufacturing and commercial interests of the

larger cities become more important special libraries will no doubt be established. One privately owned library, that of the *Seattle Times*, is worthy of mention. The *Times* maintains a very highly developed information service for its staff and the general public. Its library contains one thousand five hundred carefully chosen books of quick reference and no expense is spared in keeping these books up-to-date. Eighteen librarians and telephone operators handle an average of ten thousand calls a day. Many of these calls are merely for the time, the baseball scores, or train

schedules, but the *Times* also handles many questions which would tax the resourcefulness of any reference librarian.

The State Law Library, at Olympia, the King County Law Library, Seattle, and the University of Washington Law Library are all excellent. The Washington Medical Library serves the physicians of Seattle and upon request sends material to physicians thruout the state.

The lack of adequate state aid and supervision has always been one of the weakest spots in Washington's library system. The State Library has never had sufficient funds or facilities to give substantial service thruout the state. The State Traveling Library, with somewhat larger funds, has developed a helpful service, but as compared with the needs of the state it is entirely inadequate. There are more than half a million residents of Washington who have no access to local libraries. To serve these half million people the traveling library has a stock of only 43,876 books and an annual income which has never exceeded 12,500 for all purposes.

Recent developments are more encouraging. The State Library Committee has just recommended that the State Library and the State Traveling Library be combined under a single administration, and that the resulting library be given larger funds. The Committee has also appointed Washington's first library organizer and field worker. During the five months since this appointment was made the need of field work has been thoroly demonstrated.

Unified state control, larger appropriations and the work of a trained organizer will do much to stimulate and improve local libraries.

Washington also needs a system of county libraries. The city libraries of Olympia and Shelton now serve their counties and it is possible for other counties to secure service by contract with city systems. There is no provision, however, for the establishment of independent county libraries. Many counties are sufficiently populous to maintain county systems of their own; some others might contract with adjoining

counties for local service. There are, however, sixteen counties of less than ten thousand inhabitants which could neither maintain systems of their own nor, because of their location, contract with neighboring counties. These counties must depend upon state library service for many years to come.

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Libraries in Montana

IN its present stage of library development Montana is truly a state of "magnificent distances" and, more especially, "wide open spaces." The third largest state in the union, it is a curious combination of a few comparatively old settled communities and the "last frontier" or sparsely populated tracts of land which, until opened for settlement recently, were reserved for our roving tribes of Indians, and are now being reclaimed by the great irrigation projects of the federal government.

The few older settled communities have long been supplied with well selected and fairly adequate libraries, but the other sections of the state are without library facilities, if district school libraries are excepted.

The state law and historical libraries were established in 1881. A law to permit the establishment of public libraries was enacted in the territorial assembly in 1883. The first public library was established in Helena in 1868. A group of men formed a committee and secured funds by subscription. Quarters were obtained in a business block and a librarian appointed. This library was totally destroyed by fire in 1874. The directors of the library association almost immediately set about re-establishing the library. The library association maintained this library until 1886, when by popular vote it was taken over by the city and henceforth maintained as a free public library. In 1892 the library was moved into its own building adjacent to the city auditorium, and Mr. Frank C. Patten, a graduate of the New York State Library School was appointed librarian. The real growth of the library now began. From a library of 9,000 volumes it was increased in four years to 16,000. Mr. Patten, being a librarian of many years experience, added to the library an exceedingly valuable collection of books. The succeeding librarians have followed in Mr. Patten's footsteps in the matter of the wise selection of material. The Helena Public Library has for years rendered a state-wide service by permitting the use of the library to

any citizens of the state who have occasion to visit the capital.

A library was established in Butte by the W.C.T.U. in 1884. It was maintained by this organization until 1891, when it was decided that it should be taken over by the city. Subscriptions were solicited and a book fund of \$22,000 was collected. Thus the library started off under very favorable conditions. An experienced librarian and an assistant from the St. Louis Public Library were appointed. In 1894 the library building was completed, and the first year the circulation was 64,000. This library has been of state-wide use. It now circulates 189,000 volumes a year. Butte also has one branch library located in its foreign settlement.

The Great Falls Public Library is the outgrowth of the Valeria Public Library founded in 1889. A library building was erected at a cost of \$5,000. In 1892 the Valeria Library Association was merged into the Valeria Free Library and became the property of the city. The present library building was a gift of Mr. Carnegie and erected at a cost of \$30,000. In 1911 a separate children's department was formed, the audience room in the basement being furnished for the purpose. Miss Josephine Trigg was appointed children's librarian, the first in the state. This library is doing very effective work with the schools, which are visited once a week by the children's librarian, and where the circulation is about 40,000 volumes a year.

Seven other county libraries have been established, the last at Madison County in 1923. Mr. William B. Thompson, of New York City, gave this county a \$60,000 library building in memory of his father, who was one of the gold seekers of Alder Gulch.

Owing to financial conditions following the war and a period of drought, few county libraries have been established, tho a great deal of books. Tho the number of men employed was

less than 400, the attendance for the year was 7,983.

The Missoula Library Association was formed in 1891 and maintained a library until 1892, when it became a public library. In 1902 a Carnegie grant of \$12,500 for a building was secured. This amount was supplemented by an additional grant from the Carnegie fund making the total cost \$30,000. A children's department was started in 1919, and in 1921 a trained children's librarian was added to the staff. Twenty-nine class room libraries are maintained in the various school buildings for the first four grades. The Missoula Public Library now circulates 120,000 volumes yearly, a per capita circulation of eleven.

The University Library was established in 1895. It is housed in a beautiful new building completed in September, 1923, and contains 75,000 volumes and 25,000 pamphlets. Package libraries are loaned thruout the state and correspondence students are supplied with books for assigned readings. The University Library has a special collection on northwest history.

The State College of Agriculture has a library of 29,000 volumes.

A library building is being constructed at the State Normal School at Dillon. This library which contains 13,000 volumes, maintains a package library service for teachers.

In 1906 a meeting was held at Missoula to organize a state library association. Tho the long distances to be traveled and the expense to the libraries, which were all small at that time with small-salaried librarians, seemed great, six libraries were represented at the meeting. The State Library Association has been a force in promoting library progress in Montana. At its third meeting in 1908 an organized effort to preserve material on the history of the state was initiated. It decided to introduce a bill in the legislature to raise the limit of the tax for the support of public libraries from one to two mills. This bill was passed.

In 1895 a law was passed to establish "state circulating libraries." The State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Attorney-General, and the Secretary of State constituted a board which was to have jurisdiction over these libraries. As no funds had been appropriated by the legislature for the establishment and maintenance of such libraries, the law was ineffective. The library association investigated the possibility of putting this law into effect and found that state officials were of the firm opinion that funds to finance an adequate system of traveling libraries could not be obtained by legislative action. Later, it considered a plan to co-operate with the State Federation of Women's Clubs, which had maintained a system of traveling

libraries. The Federation, beginning to realize the hopelessness of trying to serve such an extensive territory with a few boxes of books, and, above all, with no trained or experienced person in charge, and no funds for supplying new material, asked the library association to give assistance or take the system over entirely. Neither scheme seemed feasible.

Many small towns in the state could not afford to maintain libraries, and it seemed impossible to establish, under existing conditions, circulating libraries. It was decided to investigate the county library system as operated in California. Since California was very much like Montana, a large state many counties of which were sparsely settled, a careful investigation of several county libraries in California was made, and it was decided to pattern after California, both in type of library to be established and in the law which it was desired to have enacted for this purpose. A bill to establish county libraries in Montana was introduced in the state legislature in 1913. This included provision for a state library commission. The bill failed to pass. Two years later the bill, considerably modified, and omitting, among others, the provision for a state library commission, was introduced. This bill, again modified during its passage thru the assembly, passed. Tho far from perfect, the law was workable.

The first county library was established in Chouteau County at Fort Benton, the historic old fort at the head of navigation of the Missouri River. Mrs. McLeish of Fort Benton and Great Falls, a woman of keen interest in public affairs, received the idea of a county library with enthusiasm and started a campaign for a library in her county. Her persistent efforts were crowned with success. The Carnegie corporation gave \$15,000 for a building. This was completed in 1917. A trained librarian was employed and county library service was launched under ideal conditions. In 1924 it circulated 34,000 volumes. It has two branches, nineteen stations, and twenty-two school branches.

The Missoula County Library was the next to be established and is run on a contract basis with the Missoula Public Library. It has thirty-seven branches and stations. A very fine feature of this county service is the "library car," built, furnished, and maintained by one of the large lumber companies. This car is in charge of a custodian paid by the company and is shifted from camp to camp. The company purchases books, periodicals, and newspapers for this "moving" library. The collection is supplemented by material from the county library. The lumberjacks much appreciate the service and have raised a fund of their own to purchase interest has been manifested. Under existing

conditions it has seemed best not to urge the establishment of libraries. Where they exist, the people of these counties have themselves initiated the campaigns and pushed for their establishment.

The county libraries on or near the Northern Pacific railroad are in Rosebud, Big Horn, Madison, and Missoula Counties. There are five county libraries along the "high line" (the Great Northern), Sheridan, Phillips, Blaine, Chouteau, and Lincoln, and Valley County promises to be a sixth. It is now campaigning for a county library with every promise of success. The county libraries along the "high line," established before financial conditions became so serious in that part of the state, tho affected, were not discontinued. These counties gave up many other services, but not their county libraries, a clear indication of the value which the people place upon them. Four county libraries have Carnegie buildings, Phillips County, Blaine County, Big Horn County, and Chouteau County.

Library progress has been handicapped because of the difficulties experienced in securing trained librarians and assistants from outside the state. The high schools were in need of teacher-librarians, and those trained in county library work did not seem available. California needed and used all of its own graduates. To relieve, in some measure, this handicap the University was urged by the State Library Association to establish courses in library science. Students may now major or minor in library economy. Students who expect to teach take the beginners' courses in cataloging, reference and library economy, and in these courses secure enough training to enable them to organize and supervise school libraries. A course in library methods for teachers is required of all graduates of the State Normal School at Dillon.

Along with other states Montana owes much to the Carnegie benefactions. The establishment of county libraries was greatly facilitated by the grants for buildings. There are sixteen Carnegie and five memorial library buildings in this state, the latter being the Hearst Library at Anaconda donated by Mrs. Phebe Hearst, the Parmly Billings Memorial Library at Billings, William K. Kohrs Memorial Library at Deer Lodge, the Miner Brown Library at Neihart, and the Thompson-Hickman Library at Virginia City.

There is no state library commission. A provision for a commission was incorporated in the first county library bill which failed to pass. No provision for a commission was included in the county library bill when it was introduced the second time. Astute politicians as well as friends of the county library movement assured

the library legislative committee that it was impossible to pass any bill containing such a provision. The State Library Association hopes in the near future to secure the passage of a bill to create a state board of library examiners. So far commissions of any kind or under any other name continue to be anathema to succeeding legislative assemblies. An authorized state agency with some funds at its disposal could do most effective work at this time in securing the further development of library facilities. The University Library staff, in a limited way, takes the place of a state library commission by aiding in the establishment of libraries, and supplying lists of books for purchase to the small libraries. Library boards are encouraged to employ trained librarians and are assisted in securing them.

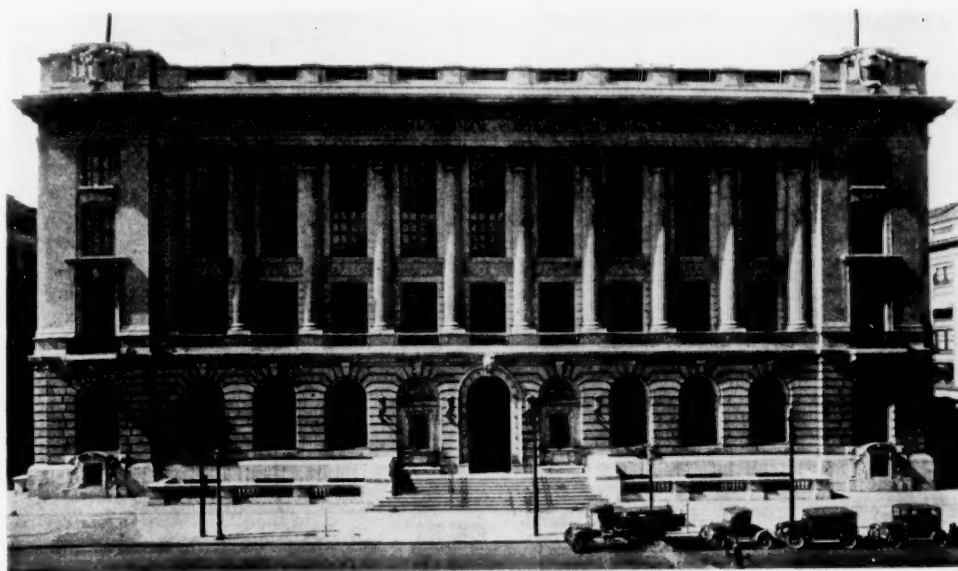
Montana, a state whose population is 548,000, whose territory covers an area 500 miles long and 275 miles wide, has eighteen tax-supported libraries exclusive of nine county libraries. Of the fifty-six counties, twenty-five have tax-supported libraries within their boundaries, nine have association or subscription libraries only, and twenty-two are practically without library facilities.

The law apports from five to ten per cent of the school fund of each district for the purchase of books for the school libraries. The report of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction shows that in the one hundred and fourteen districts in the state, two hundred and ninety-four rural schools have fewer than twenty-five library books and ninety-two have no libraries. Many do not purchase books with the library fund, expending it for other purposes. Four high schools employ full-time librarians. One large high school depends entirely upon the local library for its service. During the past year \$13,391 was spent in the purchase of books for high school libraries, and \$46,401 for district schools.

The larger public libraries have been particularly liberal in their policy of loaning books to the people of nearby communities for a small fee. This policy cannot be carried on indefinitely. The counties which are without library facilities must depend on the county library system for future service, as there is no town in any of them large enough to support a library of any adequacy.

In the matter of library service Montana is in its infancy, and its future development is dependent to a large extent upon the establishment and development of county libraries.

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Cleveland's New Public Library

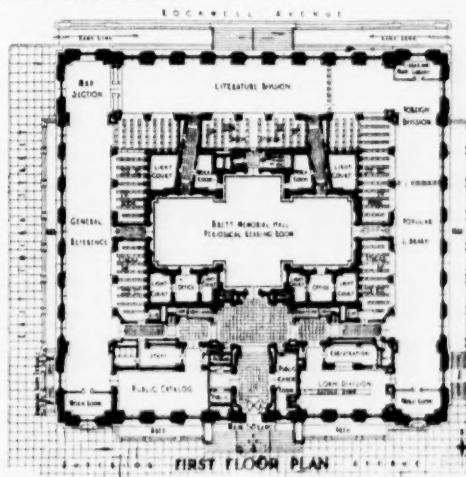
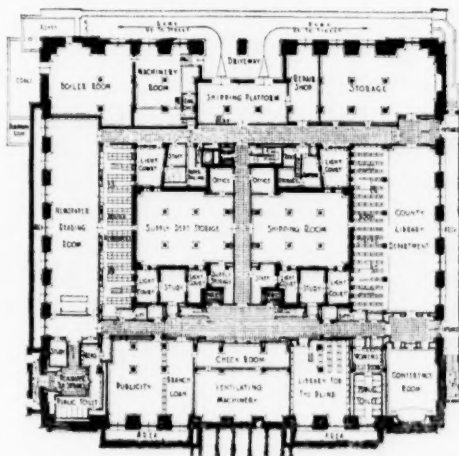
THE new Main Library Building of the Cleveland Public Library opened its doors with a week of receptions beginning May 4th.

The building is the fifth to be completed in the group plan of public buildings, which is to form Cleveland's civic center, and it has had to conform in many respects to the general plan for the group. It is two hundred and nineteen feet long, one hundred and ninety-seven and a half feet deep and one hundred and fourteen feet high from sidewalk to ridge of main roof. There are six floors including the ground floor.

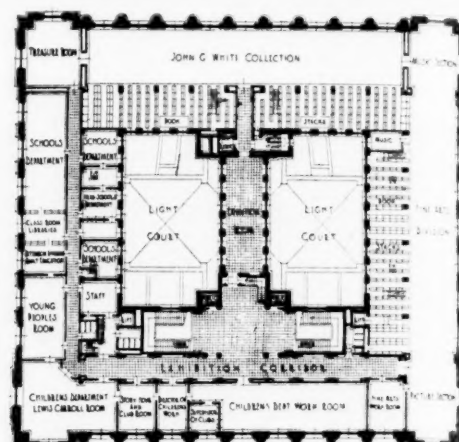
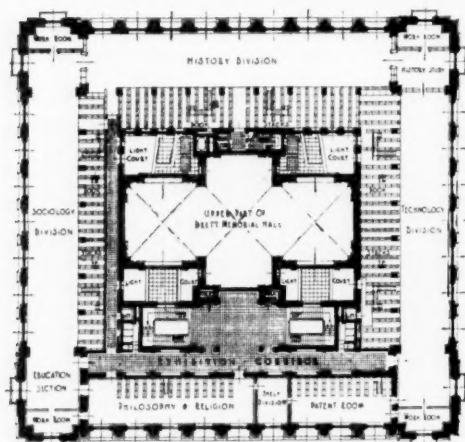
each seventeen feet or a little over in height, except the main floor, which is twenty-seven, while its central Brett Memorial Hall is forty-four feet. In addition there is a storage attic.

The cubical contents is 4,375,000 cubic feet, and the floor area 180,000 square feet, or, including the mezzanines, 217,500 square feet.

In the center of the building above Brett Hall is a light court seventy-eight feet wide by one hundred and fourteen feet long. From the corners of this smaller courts reach to the ground level, carrying light and air to the interior of all floors.



BASEMENT (LEFT) AND MAIN FLOOR (RIGHT) PLANS



TO THE LEFT, SECOND FLOOR; RIGHT, THIRD FLOOR

The exterior is of light gray Georgia marble, and particular care has been given to the selection of the various domestic and imported marbles which add dignity and beauty to the interior.

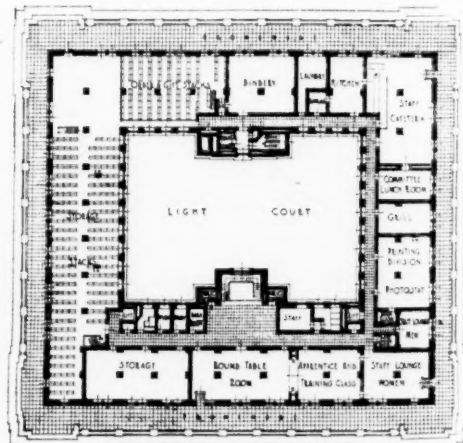
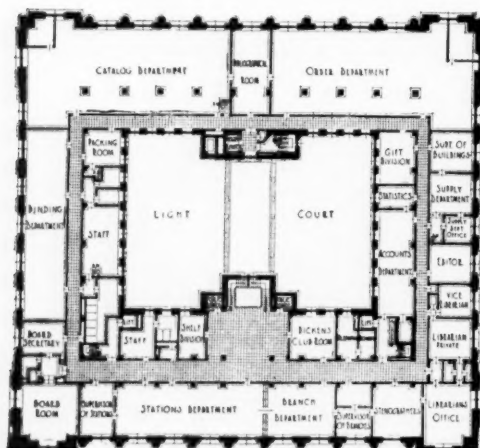
Distinctive features of the building are the divisional arrangement of reading rooms and book-stacks, the latter surrounding the square formed by Brett Hall and the central court and these in turn surrounded by reading rooms. There are fifteen reading rooms, each with wall shelving and adjacent stacks. Brett Memorial Hall, the monumental central room of the main floor, is both imposing and beautiful in its dignity and simplicity. The John G. White Collection room is noteworthy for its beauty, as is also the great general reference room, while each of the other departments and divisions have

attractive or individual features which might be described at length.

The floor plans show the general arrangement of the rooms. The dedication number of the Open Shelf, describing the principal features, will be sent, while it lasts, to anyone requesting it and enclosing a two cent stamp for postage, and a booklet containing more illustrations and a fuller description of the building will soon be available at a nominal cost. A discussion of special features of the plan is on the program for the Seattle Conference of the A. L. A.

The architects were Walker and Weeks, and the general contractors, Lundoff and Bicknell, both Cleveland firms. The total cost of building and equipment was a little under five million dollars.

LINDA A. EASTMAN, *Librarian*.



FOURTH (LEFT) AND FIFTH (RIGHT) PLANS

Boston Catalogers Discuss Subject Headings

THE Boston Group of Catalogers and Classifiers, at its Boston meeting held on April 15, discussed the question of "What Should be the Fourth Edition of the A. L. A. List of Subject Headings,"—what form the list should be, whether a revised and reprinted form of the A. L. A. List or a simplified form of the Library of Congress Subject Headings?

Miss Mary Elizabeth Hyde, associate professor of library science at Simmons College, opened the discussion with a careful survey of the history of the publishing of both lists of subject headings. Speaking from the standpoint of a teacher of cataloging as well as from that of a cataloger in a library, Miss Hyde said that as she understood it, the original A. L. A. List was first definitely planned for in 1892 at the Lake-wood A. L. A. conference, by the appointment of a committee to collate catalogs and compile a list of subject headings which would represent "the most approved usages." The work was based on various printed catalogs and was accomplished by copying all their headings, selecting from among these headings those that would produce a harmonious list, and then adding the necessary references. This first edition of the A. L. A. List was published in 1895. Its publication marked a great step forward. It proved to be a most useful tool to both libraries and students of cataloging in the library schools. The second edition, which came out in 1898, contained improvements. A difficulty in using it was that of not knowing whether to word the "refer froms" *see* or *see also*, as the wording was not indicated in the "refer from" column. When the third edition was prepared a small (s) enclosed in curves was placed after each "refer from" that is to be worded *see*; and other improvements were made. In a new edition it might be well to have the *sees* and the *see alsos* separately grouped. The third edition was published in 1911 and is still in wide use. These three lists, or rather three editions, have been of enormous value in promoting greater uniformity in headings in individual catalogs and in the general use of subject headings.

When the members of the staff of the catalog division of the Library of Congress, under the leadership of Mr. Hanson, began to plan their use of subject headings they faced an entirely different problem from that confronted by the committee compiling the A. L. A. List. The Library of Congress force was working with an actual collection of books and making an actual catalog. Instead of striving to find out just "the most approved usages" in various printed catalogs, they aimed at making of their own catalog

the best possible working tool. They appear to have based their work on a consistent application of principles, using Cutter's Rules as their fundamental guide, but adapting these rules to meet their needs; working out a set of forms, and deciding upon methods calculated to produce consistency. They made much use of the A. L. A. List and of various printed catalogs. Miss Hyde said that after having had the use of a desk in the catalog division of the Library of Congress for some months and having made great use of the catalog from the standpoint of subject headings, she was convinced that the catalog "works" wonderfully. The first edition of the L. C. Subject Headings was published in sections from 1909 to 1914. Supplementary lists of additions and revisions, etc., were issued at intervals up to 1917. The second edition, planned in 1916, was issued in 1919. The first edition had been printed on one side of leaf only; the second edition on both sides, greatly reducing the bulk of the volumes. These lists contain the headings and references actually in use in the Library of Congress catalog.

As a basis for comparing the A. L. A. List and the Library of Congress Subject Headings, Miss Hyde used three tests of the value of a list in relation to its use in a given library:

(1) The present scope of the list as compared with the present and prospective needs of the library. As the Library of Congress receives all American copyrighted books as well as many others, an abridged L. C. list would cover all headings likely to be needed in medium-sized libraries.

(2) The provision made by the publisher of the list for keeping it up-to-date. The A. L. A. publishes in the *Booklist* the headings needed for the books listed in that publication, but has no other way of keeping its list supplemented. This is a very serious lack, for the *Booklist* naturally does not contain books on all new subjects. The A. L. A. List at present dates back to 1911, no supplement having been issued in the meantime. The Library of Congress issues annual supplements to its Subject Headings, with briefer lists at shorter intervals; and as each annual supplement is of a cumulative nature, the list is kept up-to-date very satisfactorily. In addition to these supplements, subscribers to L. C. cards find indicated on the printed cards for their new books the headings used for those books in the Library of Congress catalog—a great help in case of very recent books on subjects too new to have been included in any printed supplement to any list. To be sure, users of the A. L. A. List also have the

advantage of seeing the headings noted on the L. C. cards; but they do not receive the same benefit from these headings, for there are many small but tormenting differences in the headings used in the two lists, and L. C. headings often do not fit easily among A. L. A. headings.

(3) The ease with which the list can be used. The A. L. A. List has the very marked advantage of the "refer from" column. The L. C. Subject Headings contains much more in the way of explanations as to how to apply the headings than does the A. L. A. List. The L. C. list also contains the L. C. class numbers. These numbers are of great assistance to catalogers who have the L. C. classification schedules at hand. "I should like to see the next list issued by the A. L. A. contain the D. C. numbers and also many of the explanations printed in the L. C. list. If the next list is an abridged L. C. list, I should want it, of course, to contain a 'refer from' column.

"Some successful man of affairs has said recently that he has learned by experience that it is never wise to depart from principle for the sake of expediency. The remark seems to be particularly applicable to the matter we are discussing.

"The makers of both the A. L. A. and L. C. lists naturally used the chapter on subject headings in Cutter's Rules for a Dictionary Catalog as their guide in matters of fundamental principle. Unquestionably 'the most approved usages' in American libraries today are in line with those principles. What are they? They can be summarized roughly in some such blanket rule as this: Enter each book under its specific subject, using one heading, or more than one, if necessary to do so to cover the content of the book; bring out analytics as necessary; in connection with each heading used, make *see* references from alternative but rejected terms and from alternative but rejected wordings of headings; make *see also* references from more general subject headings and from headings for other closely related subjects in connection with which the subject of the book in hand is likely to prove of interest; but do not refer from more specific subjects. I have discussed this matter with many expert catalogers and have examined a large number of catalogs with this point in mind, and as a result have no doubt that this represents 'the most approved usage.'

"To illustrate certain differences in the two lists let us consider the treatment of books on any given language, e.g., the English language or the German language. The Library of Congress follows a consistent plan. Anyone looking up a topic in connection with either language can find the same topic in connection with the other language entered under an analogous

heading, and for still any other language the same treatment will be found. The user of the catalog thus gets the benefit of his previous experience with the catalog. The A. L. A. List treats all languages but the English language in an analogous manner; but makes an exception of the English language, trying in each case to choose for heading just the term or phrase under which it was thought probable that the average reader would be most likely to look when first approaching the catalog. The idea is fine—one does want, so far as it is humanly possible, to make the approach to recorded matter as swift and sure as may be; but following this plan makes necessary all sorts of unusual references; the reader cannot make use of his experience in dealing with analogous topics, and it certainly seems that the loss is greater than the gain. The principle of entering analogous subjects or analogous treatment of matter so far as possible under analogous headings has been violated for the sake of expediency. Has it proved wise? Having seen the confusion such a course causes to students of cataloging I feel that it certainly was not a wise decision.

"Next let us take up the question of introducing *see also* references from specific to general. This matter is far more vital than is that just touched upon. The L. C. list follows, obviously, the practice in the L. C. catalog. References from specific to general are made only very occasionally, just when obviously necessary, e.g., Flowers, *see also* Botany. The A. L. A. list is filled with references of this type as a matter of deliberate policy, as is shown in the following statement copied from the introduction to the third edition of the A. L. A. list: 'The best material on a specific subject is often found in a work upon a larger subject, so general in its nature that it is not advisable to analyze it. References are, therefore, made from the specific to the general in cases where most general works can be expected to contain material on the specific subject.' The point of view which led to this decision is very easily understandable when we consider that the list was being compiled without all the headings and references being put to the test in a real catalog. There lies behind the decision the great desire to be helpful in making readily available all material on any relatively narrow subject, evidently with the realization that specific works on some of these narrow subjects may be few in number and that possibly, tho such texts may exist, they may not be in the library's book collection. When one thinks about this purely theoretically, this course seems to be reasonable, but library science has developed by the testing of various theories in practice, and the discard-

ing of theories which do not work out happily in practice. This theory when adopted as a general working principle, does not work satisfactorily. Its incorporation in the A. L. A. list of subject headings makes that tool a very difficult one to use in connection with the teaching of subject headings. No one wants to criticise destructively so monumental a piece of fine work as the A. L. A. list; but unless we are honest enough to criticise in vital cases, how is library science to develop? I say, therefore, boldly, but sympathetically, that the systematic inclusion of *see also* references from specific to general in the A. L. A. list is a mistake; that the next edition should not contain them as a matter of general policy; but that only those should be retained that are justified by rules to be followed in cataloging in all libraries, and that the use of such references to meet special conditions in individual libraries should be left to the judgment of individual catalogers in charge of the catalogs of such libraries, and not suggested in the "refer from" column. The matter might be discussed at some length in the introduction. This does not seem to be an opportune time to discuss what conditions call for such references; but I might suggest that they are met oftener in small than in medium-sized libraries."

In answer to the question, "Is there enough difference to have both Lists continue to exist?" Miss Hyde said that tho she had a feeling for the A. L. A. list because of its fine history and the great service which it has rendered, she yet believes that it would be best for the A. L. A. to issue in its stead an abridged list of L. C. headings, because of what it would mean to libraries to have the headings used in one's catalog and the headings used on the L. C. cards agree, tho the library need not use the L. C. heading in all cases in its fulness as regards subdivisions; and further because the L. C. subject headings are now in use in catalog departments of many large libraries; and also because the excellent Sears' list recently published for the use of small libraries is based on L. C. usage. If the A. L. A. list were replaced by an abridged L. C. list issued by the A. L. A. in place of fourth edition of the present A. L. A. list, any new library, and any library revising its catalog, could choose among these three lists the one appropriate to its needs, and in case a library using one of these lists grew to the point where the larger list was needed, the change could be made with relatively little difficulty. Furthermore, catalogers changing from one position to another could take hold of the work readily, and readers using catalogs in different libraries could do so with less difficulty if there were less diversity in the use of headings. It

must be made quite clear that the issuing of an L. C. list does not make it necessary for any library now using the A. L. A. list to change its practice if it does not care to do so. That library can continue just as it has done for years past, supplementing its A. L. A. list from whatever sources it finds most helpful.

In the discussion which followed, Mr. Gardiner M. Jones told of his experiences in compiling the first "A. L. A. List": "In the early 90's I was appointed chairman of the co-operative committee to make recommendations or anything we pleased! And on looking up matters I found that some of the early libraries had recommended a list of subject headings. Our committee recommended at the Lakewood Conference that such a list should be prepared. They wished this job on me, with Mr. Cutter and Dr. Wire being the other members of the committee. I made up the list and put in the 'refer froms.' I do not know why I did it. At that time when we had to assign a new subject we had to consult such catalogs as we had. We had the Athenaeum catalog, the Harvard College catalog, the Cleveland Public Library catalog and the catalog of the Peabody Institute of Baltimore. I took those various catalogs and went thru and copied their subject headings on slips. Then came the editorial work. The 'refer from' part of it was made by taking and reversing the 'see alsos.' This seemed to be in favor, so we got out the second edition, which seemed to fill the need, in 1898. When I came here this evening I was in favor of a new edition of the A. L. A. list; now I am converted to an abridged L. C. list."

Following the discussion, a vote recorded twenty-three, representing different libraries, favoring an abridged edition of the Library of Congress "Subject Headings," with certain good features of the A. L. A. "List" added, notably "refer from."

A meeting of the executive committee of this Boston Group, called to consider the results of this discussion and to estimate the sentiment of the Group, agreed with Mr. Currier's summary: That a large majority of libraries of the Boston Group of Catalogers and Classifiers favor recommending the preparation of an abridged edition of the Library of Congress "Subject Headings," the abridgement to be chiefly in a reduction of sub-divisions. The A. L. A. usage of "refer from" should be retained. Reduction of cost of the work might be obtained by printing on both sides of the page, depending on card lists for supplements instead of interleaves and omitting many references from the specific to the general.

The Seattle Conference

FOR the forty-seventh annual conference of the A. L. A. Seattle hopes to welcome about 1000 librarians and trustees, July 6-11, and the days—five for those who travel but a short distance and take in the conference only, five to six times that number for those who cross the Continent and take in the Alaska post-conference trip before returning—promise to be well filled. Libraries and library associations on or near the travel routes are looking forward to greeting visitors—Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Salt Lake City, Los Angeles, Portland, and British Columbia libraries, to mention only a few—and the California Library Association's conference at Eureka and Arcata, June 29-July 1, will give opportunity for a profitable

visit to a land of county libraries and for pictures travel before going to Seattle.

Travel routes, fares, special parties, etc., have already been given in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* and in the A. L. A. *Bulletin*, and additional information regarding time-tables, etc., will be found in the May *Bulletin* just issued.

There will be four general sessions; three of the four national societies affiliated with the A. L. A. will hold meetings—the American Association of Law Librarians, the National Association of State Librarians, and the League of Library Commissions—in addition to which the A. L. A. Council, the Board of Education for Librarianship, and a score of section and round table groups will bring the total of meetings scheduled to over forty.

Partial Program

(Tentative)

GENERAL SESSIONS

First Session, Monday evening, July 6

Greetings: Judson T. Jennings and W. E. Henry. The President's address—H. H. B. Meyer. Reception.

Second Session, Tuesday evening July 7

Subject: Library Extension. Library agencies which will meet the needs of all the population—Mrs. Julia G. Babcock, Kern County Free Library, Bakersfield, Calif. What can the A. L. A. and affiliated organizations do to promote the extension of library service—Louis R. Wilson, University of North Carolina Library, Chapel Hill.

Third Session, Wednesday evening, July 8

Subject: Adult Education. Symposium on the library and adult education, conducted by Judson T. Jennings. Examples of personal service—Anne M. Mulheron, Portland, Ore. Reaching boys and girls out of school—C. E. Rush, Indianapolis. Reading courses, alumni and library—Alice M. Farquhar, Public Library, Chicago.

Address—Henry Suzzallo, President, University of Washington.

Fourth Session, Friday evening, July 10

Subject: School Library Service. Educational measurements and what they mean to libraries—Curtis T. Williams, University of Washington. Teaching reading, why and how—Worth McClure, assistant to the superintendent of schools, Seattle. School libraries, a look ahead—Jasmine Britton, City School Library, Los Angeles.

A. L. A. SECTIONS

AGRICULTURAL LIBRARIES

Chairman, Mary G. Lacy, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Monday morning

A program for agricultural library work: A Symposium—W. W. Foote, State College of Washington Library; Lucia Haley, Oregon State Library; Elizabeth H. Davis, Kansas State Agricultural College; Mary B. Sweet, College of Agriculture Library, University of Idaho.

CATALOG

Chairman, Philip S. Goulding, Library, University of California Southern Branch, Los Angeles.

Monday morning

Problems of classification and administration in special libraries—Mary P. Billingsley, Federal Reserve Bank Library, Kansas City, Mo.; Julian F. Smith, The B. F. Goodrich Company Library, Akron, O., Business.

Wednesday afternoon

Round Table on classification, organized by J. B. Childs, John Crerar Library, Chicago.

CHILDREN'S LIBRARIANS'

Chairman, Mary S. Wilkinson, Public Library, Muskegon.

Monday morning

Subject: Children's work in relation to adult education. Traffic signals for the children's librarian—Gladys S. Case, Los Angeles. The ounce of prevention—Effie L. Power, Cleveland.

Thursday morning

Subject: Children as book readers or book borrowers. In Nebraska—Nellie Williams, Public Library Commission, Lincoln. Poetry and children—Margery Doud, St. Louis.

Presentation of the John Newbery Medal.

Friday morning

Business Session.

LENDING

Acting chairman, Margery Doud, St. Louis.

Monday afternoon

Talk on librarianship—Carl B. Roden, Chicago. Can we obtain and train librarians to meet the obligations of adult education?—Ethel R. Sawyer, Library Association of Portland, Ore. Hopscotch or library science?—Herman O. Parkinson, Stockton Public Library. How can a librarian adult educate himself?—Sydney B. Mitchell, University of California Library. Subject to be announced—Arthur E. Bostwick.

Introductory paper on classification in general, the work of the classification committee, and the John Crerar Library's own contribution to library classification—C. W. Andrews, John Crerar Library. Statement concerning the Library of Congress classification

—Clarence W. Perley, Library of Congress. Remarks on the proposed code for classifiers—W. S. Merrill, Newberry Library; M. W. Getchell, University of Illinois Library. Reclassification at the Indianapolis Public Library—Nancy H. Todd.

Friday afternoon

Round Tables on problems of small libraries, organized by Harriet P. Turner, Madison, Wis. Simple cataloging of state documents—Susan Grey Akers, University of Wisconsin Library School. When and how much shall we analyze?—Alice P. Story, Public Library, Marshalltown, Iowa. Keeping the catalog up to date—Anna G. Hall, Umatilla County Library, Portland, Ore.

SCHOOL LIBRARIES SECTION

Chairman, W. H. Kerr, Kansas State Teachers College Library, Emporia.

Monday Afternoon

The aims of school library service. The individual and the group in education and in the library: chairman's address—Willis H. Kerr. The teaching function of the school library—C. H. Fisher, president, Washington State Normal School. The school librarian: what the times demand. Children I have known in school and library.

Normal school and teachers college round table: Harriet L. Kidder, Iowa State Teachers College Library, Cedar Falls, in charge. 1. Reserved book systems—Alice Anderson, State Teachers College Library, Chico, Calif. 2. Relations with the training school—Sarah Hougham, State Teachers College Library, Moorhead, Minn. 3. Lost books—Theodore Norton, State Normal School Library, Cheney, Wash.

Wednesday Afternoon

Technique of school library work. Technique: how far is it developed? Is standardization desirable? Supervised study: the good and the bad of it from the high school librarian's point of view. Educating the faculty—Anna V. Jennings, Nebraska State Teachers College Library, Kearney.

High school round table: Lucile Fargo, Central High School Library, Spokane, Wash., in charge. 1. The budget. 2. Reference work. 3. "Adult" education in the high school. 4. What else will you?

Friday Afternoon

Experiments and progress. The school library and the platoon school. The new "curriculum" movement: its meaning to school libraries. School library question box.

Elementary and junior high school round table: Jasmine Britton, librarian, City Schools, Los Angeles, Calif., in charge. 1. Club work. 2. Methods of library instruction. 3. Planning the library room.

TRAINING CLASS

Chairman, Ethel R. Sawyer, Portland, Ore.

Friday afternoon

Credits. System of state library credits in operation in Brooklyn training class—Julia A. Hopkins, Brooklyn Public Library. Detailed outlined courses proposed for library school credits: with discussion: 1. Reference; 2. Cataloging; 3. Classification and subject headings. Regional training classes. Charles E. Rush, Indianapolis.

TRUSTEES

Chairman, Judge G. L. Zwick, Public Library, St. Joseph, Mo.

Wednesday afternoon

Libraries and lectures in adult education—Leader, Clarence C. Ogilvie, superintendent, Goodwyn Institute, Memphis. Community contact—Leader, William L. Brewster, Public Library Board, Portland, Ore.

Friday morning

Financing a library—Leader to be announced. Discussion by Cornelia Marvin, State Library, Salem, Ore. Salaries and service—Leader to be announced. Discussion by Mary Eileen Ahern, editor, *Public Libraries*.

ROUND TABLES

ART REFERENCE

Chairman, Antoinette Douglas, St. Louis Public Library.

Wednesday afternoon

Art advertising and advertising art—Annie Hornsby Calhoun, Seattle Public Library. The Los Angeles library and the moving picture studios—Gladys Caldwell, Los Angeles. The picture collection—Marie A. Todd, Minneapolis Public Library. How Newark is rearranging its picture collection—Alice Wilde, Newark Public Library. Art books which have proved useful—Susan A. Hutchinson, Brooklyn Museum Library.

BUSINESS LIBRARIANS

Chairman, L. Elsa Loeber, librarian, Chamber of Commerce of the state of New York, New York City.

Monday morning

Leader, K. Dorothy Ferguson, librarian, Bank of Italy, San Francisco. Adult education in business libraries—L. Elsa Loeber. Education for business librarians—W. E. Henry, University of Washington Library; Josephine A. Rathbone, Pratt Institute School of Library Science.

Filing of printed material in business libraries—Virginia Fairfax, New Orleans, La.

Thursday morning

Leader, L. Elsa Loeber. Routing and digesting of material for executives—Alta B. Claflin, Federal Reserve Bank Library, Cleveland.

Advertising library service in a business organization—Alma C. Mitchill, Public Service Corporation of New Jersey Library, Newark.

Forward looking movement in the A. L. A.—Louise B. Krause, H. M. Byllesby and Company Library, Chicago.

Picking up the loose ends—Alice L. Rose, National Business and Financial Library, New York.

COUNTY LIBRARIES

Chairman, Mary N. Baker, Ohio State Library, Columbus, Ohio.

Thursday morning

Three states, three county libraries—Corinne A. Metz, Fort Wayne and Allen County Library, Fort Wayne, Ind. Why does Washington need a county library law?—Eleanor Stephens, State Library, Olympia, Wash. News items—Mildred G. Brown, Camden County Public Library, Haddonfield, N. J. Picturesque points in California county library work (illustrated)—Anne Hadden, Monterey County Free Library, Salinas, Calif. Book auto exhibit—Mabel Ashley, Public Library, Everett, Wash. (The book auto will be parked outside for inspection after the meeting.)

Discussion: Plans for publicity and co-operation with national organizations interested in rural America.

HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

Mrs. E. B. Bailey, Public Library, Minneapolis, Minn., will preside.

Monday afternoon

History of Nursing—Elizabeth S. Soule, head of the Department of Nursing, University of Washington. The future of public library hospital service. The costs of public library hospital service. The U. S. Veterans' Bureau Hospitals, a report—Elizabeth Pomeroy, Unit U. S. Veterans' Bureau. Who's Who in hospital library service.

RELIGIOUS BOOKS

Chairman, Frank G. Lewis, Crozer Theological Seminary, Chester, Pa.

Wednesday afternoon

The meeting will be conducted primarily as an open conference on religious books for public and other general libraries. All interested are urged to be present with questions. A list of useful recent books will be offered.

ORDER AND BOOK SELECTION

Chairman, May Wood Wigginton, Denver Public Library.

Friday morning

Staff reading as an aid to book selection. Methods and results at Detroit—Rosalie Mumford.

Buying for the great West. For a western county library—Anna G. Hall, Umatilla County Library; For a little western town—Mary P. Weaver, Rocky Ford, Colo.; For a western city—Constance Ewing, Portland; Buying the history of the early west—Charles W. Smith, University of Washington Library.

PUBLIC DOCUMENTS

Chairman, Carl Vitz, Toledo Public Library.

Thursday morning

Canadian federal documents—Beatrice W. Welling, Vancouver Public Library. Report from U. S. Documents Office—Alton P. Tisdell, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D. C.

SMALL LIBRARIES

Chairman, Ellen Garfield Smith, Walla Walla, Wash.

Wednesday afternoon

What the small library can do in the adult education movement—Gertrude Marsh, Danbury Public Library. The effect of the three-cent-a-day libraries on the selection of books in the small library—Mrs. A. F. Griggs, North Carolina Library Commission, Raleigh, N. C.

Three round tables to be held simultaneously: (1) Libraries with a circulation below 10,000, led by Eleanor S. Stephens, Washington State Library, Olympia. (2) Libraries with a circulation below 50,000, leader to be announced. (3) Libraries with a circulation below 150,000, led by Anna G. Hall, Umatilla County Library, Pendleton, Ore.

UNIVERSITY LIBRARY EXTENSION SERVICE

Chairman, Le Noir Dimmitt, Bureau of Extension, University of Texas.

Thursday morning

Survey of package library service. Beginning of mail order service in Oregon—Cornelia Marvin, Oregon State Library. Development in colleges and universities in the United States—Almere Scott, Extension Division, University of Wisconsin. Development in Canada—A. E. Ottewell, Department of Extension, University of Alberta. Round Table Discussions. Forms of publicity in library extension service. Simplifying statistical and charging records. The round table discussions will be illustrated by material from the package library service exhibit.

LIBRARY BUILDINGS

Chairman, Samuel H. Ranck, Grand Rapids.

Monday afternoon

Noteworthy features of the new main building of the Free Library of Philadelphia—Franklin H. Price. Features of the new main building of the Cleveland Public Library—Linda A. Eastman. The possibilities of underground book storage, or storage of books below the level of the street—Charles H. Hodgdon of the firm of Coolidge and Hodgdon, architects, Chicago. The requirements of a modern library building serving a rural community—Anne M. Mulheron, Portland, Ore.

AFFILIATED ASSOCIATIONS

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES

President, Sumner Y. Wheeler, Essex County Law Library, Salem, Mass.

Tuesday morning

Meetings will be held also July 8, 2:30 p. m.; July 9, 10:00 a. m., and a dinner July 9. The meeting and dinner Thursday, July 9, will be held jointly with the N. A. S. L.

Address of welcome—Alfred H. Lundin of the Seattle Bar. Response—A. J. Small, Iowa State Library, Des Moines.

The business meeting will be opened by an address from President Wheeler.

The program will consist in part of addresses by the following lawyers and librarians: Michael Angelo Musmanno, of the Philadelphia Bar; Eldon R. James, Harvard Law Library; Arthur M. Harris of the Seattle Bar; Arthur Beardsley, State University Law Library, Wash.; J. J. Daley, Osgood Hall Library, Toronto; Rosamond Parma, University of California; Gilson G. Glasier, Wisconsin State Library; George S. Godard, Connecticut State Library; George E. Wire, Worcester (Mass.) County Law Library; Mrs. W. F. Marshall, Mississippi State Library. Howard L. Stebbins, Social Law Library, Boston, Mass., will be in charge of round table discussions.

LEAGUE OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONS

President, Milton J. Ferguson, California State Library, Sacramento.

Monday morning

The League's demonstration (in lieu of a presidential address)—Milton J. Ferguson. A county librarian at work—Essae M. Culver, Louisiana Library Commission. Indiana's latest moves—William J. Hamilton, Gary Public Library. What an organizer does and why—May Dexter Henshall, California State Library.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF STATE LIBRARIES

Chairman, Con P. Cronin, Arizona State Library. Secretary, H. S. Hirschberg, State Library, Columbus, O.

Monday afternoon

Welcome—J. M. Hitt, Washington State Library. Response—A. J. Small, Iowa State Library, Des Moines. Remarks by the President—Con P. Cronin.

Should the legislative reference bureau be attached to the state library: the advantages of such an arrangement—George S. Godard, Connecticut State Library.

The value of the law library, city, county, state, to the lawyer, legislator, and layman—John T. Castle, Arkansas State Library.

Wednesday afternoon

What are obsolete federal documents, and how they should be disposed of?—Mary A. Hartwell, Department of Public Documents, Washington, D. C.

Informal discussion on topics germane to the general welfare of the association.

Thursday morning

Joint meeting with the American Association of Law Libraries. A banquet will be held jointly with the A. A. L. L. July 9. Sumner Y. Wheeler, president of the Association of Law Libraries, will speak about his recent visit to Rome.

EXHIBITS

Exhibits of books, equipment and supplies have been arranged by the following firms as well as the A. L. A. and various groups.

Dodd, Mead & Company, Chicago; Rand

McNally & Co., Chicago; Charles T. Pownier Co., Chicago; Little Brown & Co., Boston; Macmillan Co., San Francisco; H. W. Wilson Co., New York; Library Book House, Springfield, Mass.; H. R. Hunting Co., Springfield, Mass.; Chivers Book Binding Co., Brooklyn; C. V. Ritter, Chicago; Democrat Printing Co., Madison, Wisc.; New Method Book Bindery, Inc., Jacksonville, Ill.; Gaylord Bros., Syracuse, N. Y.; Quarrie & Co., Chicago; C. A. Nichols, Springfield, Mass.; Library Bureau, New York; Grolier Society, New York; J. K. Gill Co., Portland, Ore.; Moody's Investors Service, New York; National Child Welfare Association, New York City; Book House for Children, Chicago.

Motion Picture Study Clubs

A COMMITTEE on Library Co-operation is an important section of the Motion Picture Study Club advocated by the National Committee for Better Films, affiliated with the National Board of Review of Motion Pictures at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Any group of fifteen persons may organize a Study Club. Yearly dues of one dollar per member, sent to the National Committee, will entitle each individual member to the three major publications of the National Committee, i.e. *Film Progress* (monthly), *Exceptional Photoplays* (issued at intervals from October to June), and the monthly *Photoplay Guide*, and qualify the club financially for study club membership in the National Committee, entitling it to one set of the complete services of the Committee. These services include, in addition to the publications mentioned, a weekly mimeographed photoplay guide to the better pictures, the annual catalog, "Selected Pictures," the weekly official bulletin of the National Board of Review, and a series of ten study club papers. These latter are designed to deal with such subjects as the history of motion pictures, the social problems they have raised, the psychology of censorship, the psychological reactions of audiences, the means of improvement likely to prove successful, the motion picture as a visual educator and a medium of artistic expression, etc.

The local librarian, if a member of the club, should belong to the Committee on Library Co-operation. Where no member of the committee is familiar with the book upon which a forthcoming "selected" picture is based, some one should be assigned to read it or get reliable information on it, so that, according to the book's adjudged value, effort may be made to call the attention of library patrons to the book and to the fact that a motion picture based upon it will be shown at given theatre at a given date, and to call the attention of theatre patrons to

the fact that the book on which the picture is based can be found at the library. Where both book and picture are suitable for juniors, the library committee should make this fact known thru the schools.

Children's Books to be Reissued

THE following children's books are to be reissued. This is in response to the expressed wishes of librarians and it is hoped that the demand may be sufficient to justify the publishers in their decision to reprint. (See LIBRARY JOURNAL for April 1.)

French. *Heroes of Iceland*. Little. (Available in September.)

Pollard. *Stories from old English romance*. Stokes. (May be ordered in June.)

Steedman. *When they were children*. Nelson. (Probably available in January, 1926.)

Wilmot-Buxton. *Stories from old French romance*. Stokes. (May be ordered in June.)

Decisions regarding other out-of-print books will be announced later.

Much interest has been expressed in the possibility of obtaining duplicate sets of illustrations and the Committee on the Production of Children's Books takes pleasure in announcing that the David McKay Company will supply plates from a number of their publications at one dollar per set. A few of the titles are quoted here, but for a complete list application should be made to the publisher.

Famous Colonial Houses, illustrated by James Preston.

Heidi, illustrated by Jessie Wilcox Smith.

At the Back of the North Wind, illustrated by Jessie Willcox Smith.

The Princess and the Goblin, illustrated by Jessie Willcox Smith.

Robin Hood, illustrated by N. C. Wyeth.

Rip Van Winkle, illustrated by N. C. Wyeth.

The Red Fairy Book, illustrated by Gustaf Tenggren.

The Blue Fairy Book, illustrated by Frank Godwin.

Ivanhoe, illustrated by Maurice Greiffenhagen.

The Committee hopes that other sets of illustrations may be made available for library use but arrangements with the publishers have not been completed.

ELVA S. SMITH, *Chairman,*

*A. L. A. Committee on the
Production of Children's Books.*

A new salary scale for Station and Hospital Librarians has been approved by the Navy. Beginning July 1st, the salaries for these librarians has been changed from a flat rate of \$1800 to a sliding scale of \$1860 to \$2400. Promotions based on this scale have been made for those already in the service. This places these positions in Grade 1 of Professional Service in the classification scheme now in use in the Departmental Service.

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THE Seattle conference of 1925, July 6 to 11, will doubtless gather an unusual representation of librarians and trustees from San Diego northward to the place of meeting, and it is to be hoped a goodly representation from the Mid-west and the far East, as well as the South, for librarians are very loyal to their annual gathering. Three subjects will dominate the general sessions, library extension, adult education and work within schools, and these represent the most insistent problems of library progress today. The northwestern states have shown such progress that they will have much to teach their visitors, and many should seize the opportunity to see the libraries of Washington, Oregon and northern California. A remarkable choice of routes is offered visitors from the East, with special parties to visit Glacier Park by the Great Northern, Yellowstone Park by the Northern Pacific or Banff and Lake Louise by the Canadian Pacific. There will be like choice of attractions for the post-conference excursion, a four-days' trip to and about Mount Rainier or a longer journey to Alaska for which so many have booked that there will be two or possibly three parties, one of them late enough to permit combination with the Mount Rainier excursion for the more enterprising traveler. Perhaps no conference in the history of the A. L. A. has offered so remarkable a combination of scenic and travel attractions as this of 1925.

ONE of the most important features of the A. L. A. anniversary which is in plan by the semi-centenary committee, under the chairmanship of Mr. Roden, is an adequate and comprehensive exhibit of library progress in the past fifty years. The libraries of the country would be able to show in such an exhibit perhaps more progress than has been made by any other department in the educational field. The A. L. A. cannot, however, devote from its treasury sufficient funds to make the exhibition what it should be and what Mr. Joseph L. Wheeler, who has charge of this plan, would like to make it. If sufficient funds can be provided, such an exhibit would be of the utmost historical interest with reference to the past and also of the highest educational value with reference to the future, for the complete plan would

provide for such an organization of the exhibit as would permit its use in whole or in parts as traveling exhibits at state meetings or on other occasions where the stimulation of local library interest by such evidence of accomplishment would be of direct usefulness. It is to be hoped that the generosity of friends of library progress may provide the necessary financial basis for the fulfillment of this plan in its entirety.

ONE of the chief events of 1876 was the publication by the Bureau of Education of the great volume "Public Libraries in the United States," and it would be eminently proper if the long-deferred A. L. A. manual should be made a feature of the semi-centenary of 1926. This has been published chapter by chapter in the useful form of preprints, brought up-to-date in successive issues, which have perhaps been better than if publication had been confined to a comprehensive volume. It would seem to be fitting, however, that a memorial volume comprising these excellent papers, all of them revised to date, should now be issued, which would not prevent the later republication in continuing revision of the several chapters.

THE honored memory of William P. Brett, one of the most progressive and beloved of librarians, will worthily be kept in remembrance in the Brett Memorial Hall, which is the chief feature as the reading and reference room of the noble building of the Cleveland Public Library which that city owes first of all to his initiative and which was thrown open to the public last month. The building is especially interesting for the arrangement about the stacks of reading rooms for the several classes of books in contiguity to the respective division of the stacks—a plan foreshadowed by Dr. Poole's Newberry arrangement and Dr. Raney's development at the Johns Hopkins Library in Baltimore. Cleveland, the banner city of the mid-west in library progress, is to be congratulated on the abiding service this splendid edifice will assure its citizens and not less on the fact that Miss Linda A. Eastman, so long Mr. Brett's associate, continues to guide library development there in the spirit of her old chief and friend.

LIBRARY ORGANIZATIONS

NEW YORK LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

FOR "Library Week," to be held at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, June 15 to 22, an unusually large number of members have registered their intention of remaining during the entire week and have, accordingly, been assigned rooms at the college. Miss Adelaide Underhill, the college librarian, tells us that about fifty more people can be accommodated on the campus and thirty can have comfortable rooms just off the campus with good meals at the College Camp.

WESTERN RESERVE CATALOGERS

THE Western Reserve Catalogers' Round Table held its spring meeting May 11 at Oberlin with an attendance of forty. The principal topic of the afternoon was the proposed revision of the A. L. A. List of subject headings. The discussion was based on a résumé of the replies to a questionnaire sent out by Miss Hiss of Cleveland. The discussion particularly stressed the need of the reference feature of the A. L. A. List and of frequent supplements necessary to keep any list up to date.

Professor A. S. Root opened a discussion on the methods of treating books for which the Library of Congress reports cards not immediately available, and Miss Shaw led a short discussion on the treatment of serials especially in regard to fullness of entry on secondary cards. Several other topics were briefly and informally touched upon.

It was voted that the fall meeting shall be an open one held at the time of the joint meeting of the Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Library associations at Fort Wayne.

WINIFRED RIGGS, *Secretary-Treasurer,*
Toledo Public Library.

CENTRAL NEW YORK CATALOGERS

AT a regional conference of librarians held at the Syracuse Public Library on April 21, an organization of catalogers and classifiers of Central New York was formed with a membership of over fifty members. A constitution was adopted, and officers elected, Lillian R. Gilbert, librarian of the Central High School of Syracuse, being elected president; Frances E. Gaffin, assistant cataloger of the Utica Public Library, vice-president; and Mrs. Grace B. Lodder, cataloger of the Syracuse Public Library, secretary. It is planned to circulate papers of interest to catalogers among the members. Bibliographical notes are to be col-

lected and a directory of catalogers for Central New York is to be compiled.

OHIO VALLEY CATALOGERS

OHIO Valley Catalogers held their annual meeting at Louisville on April 4th with sixty librarians present, about half of them members of the Louisville staff, the rest from Indianapolis, Cincinnati, and other places in the three states represented.

Ruth Wallace presided while Margie M. Helm, of the Western Kentucky State Normal School gave a talk on cataloging in a normal school library, Effie Abraham, of Indianapolis on cataloging music, Louise M. Husband, of the Workingmen's Institute Library of New Harmony, Indiana, on the books in the Robert Dale Owen collection in that library, and Mary Fishback, Indianapolis, on the methods used in the Indianapolis Library for cataloging books in foreign languages, more especially, those not using the Roman alphabet. In the discussion of that section of the A. L. A. questionnaire that has to do with detailed methods of classification and cataloging, Laura Smith and Alice E. Ewald gave a general outline of these questions as answered by the Cincinnati Public Library.

Officers elected: Bertha M. Schneider of the Ohio State University Library and Artie Lee Taylor of the Kentucky University Library.

ALABAMA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

AT the twenty-second annual (and first biennial) meeting of the Alabama Library Association held at Mobile, April 15, and Fairhope, April 16 and 17, Chalmers Hadley, was the guest of the Association and the principal speaker. At Mobile he spoke on "The Library as a Public Investment" while at Fairhope his subject was "Quality versus Quantity." Mr. Hadley's talks were scholarly and inspiring and proved of deep interest to the librarians and general public present.

At Mobile speakers included Lloyd W. Josselyn, of Birmingham, on the financial side of library organization; Mildred Goodrich, of Anniston, on how various organizations in a community may assist the library; Marion Potts, Jefferson County librarian, on broadcasting the library thru the rural community; and Dr. Dunbar Ogden, of Mobile, on the Mobile Library, Yesterday, To-day and To-morrow.

The following day a delightful boat trip took the visitors to Fairhope where the meetings were continued. Discussion on small libraries was

presided over by Louise Roberts, librarian of the Woodlawn High School.

At the evening meeting papers were read on principles of book selection, by Fannie Taber, Montevallo; on the worthwhile in children's books, by Mary E. Foster, Birmingham; and "That Dispenser of Joy Called Poetry," by Julia Riser, Birmingham.

On Friday morning E. B. Gaston explained the Single Tax Colony to the assemblage and Paul Nichols gave a clear idea of Organic Education. As Fairhope is the largest single tax colony in the world the librarians were deeply interested in these subjects. Mary Martin, Auburn, read a paper on books and library facilities for negroes in Alabama, which was followed by one on adult education, by Kathleen Thompson, Birmingham.

The outstanding feature of the business meeting was the establishment of the Thomas M. Owen Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship will consist of a loan of \$300 to an Alabamian who wishes to attend a library school, the award for the coming year being at the Carnegie Library School, Atlanta.

Officers for 1925-27 are as follows: Mrs. Marie B. Owen, Montgomery, president; Mary Martin, Auburn, Fannie Taber, Montevallo, and Mrs. Mary I. Hoskins, Florence, vice-presidents; Mary R. Mullen, Montgomery, secretary.

MARY R. MULLEN, *Secretary*.

KENTUCKY LIBRARY ASSOCIATION

THE sixteenth annual meeting convened at Middlesboro on May 7, but the librarian of the Lincoln Memorial University, Mrs. Frank C. Grannis, had extended so cordial an invitation to come over the hills that the whole body adjourned across to Tennessee for the first meeting. Here the audience was supplemented by the entire faculty and most of the student body.

The university, which is isolated in the midst of the hills, has a student body composed largely of mountain boys and girls from the neighborhood states, to whom the program of the meeting brought much. Miss Flexner presiding, Bernice Bell spoke on "The Child, the Book and the Parent," stressing the need of the "open door" between parents and children and spoke in detail from the viewpoint of the parent on creative reading for children. Mr. Edward A. Jones, editor of the Louisville Herald-Post, followed with a delightful hour on "Why Books Are." He spoke of the joy of introducing great old books to the coming generations, and his enthusiasm for these was stimulating, for where librarians are gathered together the talk is often of the new and the much discussed volume. Boys and girls then sang charmingly the old ballads of the mountains and Mrs. Sybil

Maddox gave a solo on the dulcimer, which few had heard played before. Tea and an exhibit of handicraft in the halls of the building brought this session to a close.

At the second session at Middlesboro, Willard R. Jillson, state geologist, talked on the undeveloped resources of Kentucky. His enlightening lecture was illustrated by maps, charts and colored slides. The third session was a book symposium, presided over by Grace L. Snodgrass of the University of Kentucky. Mrs. Frank C. Grannis spoke on biography and travel; Euphemia Corwin, of Berea College, on the best in religious books; Artie Lee Taylor, of the University of Kentucky, on recent juveniles; Margaret I. King, University of Kentucky, on the newspaper as a tool for librarians; and Jennie O. Cochran, of Louisville, led a spirited discussion on the best in fiction. Each speaker's paper was followed by discussion.

At the final session, Bertha Barden, of Berea College, gave constructive paper on cataloging for small libraries; Marguerite Terrell, of Louisville, spoke on gaining the good will of the community and Ella C. Warren spoke on the community's gain from the high school library.

Officers elected: President, Fannie C. Rawson, secretary of the Kentucky Library Commission; vice-presidents, Margaret I. King, University of Kentucky, Lexington, and Mrs. C. L. Hayward, Corbin; secretary-treasurer, Elizabeth Tunis, Librarian, Danville.

PASADENA LIBRARY CLUB

THE first unit of the Pasadena Public Library's new building plans, the Hill Avenue Branch, was nearly enough completed by the first of May for the Pasadena Library Club to give it a house-warming party on Saturday evening, May second. Before the games and fun began, the members and guests, under the guidance of Miss Drake and Mrs. Saxon Brown, inspected the building, which is charmingly done in Spanish-Californian style. The feature that attracted most favorable notice was the patio and pergola on the south side of the building which may be entered thru French windows either from the adults' room or the boys-and-girls' room. The festivities proper began with a grand march and a Virginia reel, which served to put those present, about eighty, into a suitable frame of mind for the games and contests that followed. The climax of the fun was the presentation of a "Library-Extravaganza, a Rhythmic Phantasy of Bibliothecal Evolution," originally produced by the Indiana Library Association in 1921 and modified slightly to fit local circumstances.

THOMAS COWLES, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

IN THE LIBRARY WORLD

MASSACHUSETTS

A fine lecture-recital of music by American composers marked the close of the very successful local celebration of National Music Week as planned and carried out by the Jones Library of Amherst. The series of six meetings for this purpose began on Monday when the assembly room was crowded with children from the Amity Street School (Grades 1, 2, and 3) who heard Mrs. H. F. Williamson's illustrated talk on the boyhoods of some of the great masters in music. On Tuesday the pupils of the Kellogg Avenue School (Grades 4, 5, and 6) heard Mrs. S. C. Hubbard of North Amherst on Indian, Negro, and recent American music. Mrs. F. C. Seymour and Miss Luthera Willard assisted by giving vocal, piano, and mandolin selections. Mrs. Ralph J. Watts, organist of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, was the hostess for the junior high school pupils who came on Wednesday afternoon to hear about the music of the various European nations. Senior high school students on Thursday heard Miss Dorothy Woods of the Smith College faculty talk on the appreciation of music, giving illustrations of various forms of music on the piano and in her very attractive contralto voice. On these four days special effort was made to give all the public school children an interesting message about the origin of music and its composers along with as delightful illustrations as could be given by the victrola, piano, or the human voice.

At the fifth meeting in the series Miss Blanche S. Samuels, supervisor of music in the public schools of Amherst, told the parents of the public school children who were the special guests of the afternoon about her work in teaching music in the public schools. Miss Samuels was aided by small groups of children from the various grades and she and the children used the blackboard, victrola, and piano in illustrating the important points in her program. The last hour of the week, devoted to a study of recent American composers, seemed to be a natural and fitting climax to the library's celebration. Miss Anna Laura Kidder, lecturer and pianist, told about Nevin, MacDowell, Parker, Cadman, Curran, Foote, Woodman, Brach and Chadwick and their contributions to the best in American music. Miss Kidder was assisted by Miss Ruth Douglas, soprano, of the music department at Mt. Holyoke College, and by Miss Mabel Pierce, pianist, of Northampton, whose pleasing interpretation of recent American compositions added greatly to the pleasure of the afternoon.

Attractive pictures of famous musicians and

artistic posters telling of the value of good music to the individual and the community, hung on the walls of the reading and assembly rooms, helped in spreading the message of National Music Week.

The collection of books and manuscripts made by the late Amy Lowell are to be given to Harvard when Mrs. Russell of Brookline, Miss Lowell's literary executor, elects or at her death. If Harvard refuses the gift the collection will go to the Boston Public Library.

RHODE ISLAND

Providence. Twenty-five years ago, says the April *Quarterly Bulletin* of the Providence Public Library, the library was a library without branches or sub-branches, without a multigraph equipment or a repair department, without a system of radio announcement, without close relations with the business community or with the music-loving community or with the art loving community, without a foreign department, without a department of books for the blind, without definite schedules of school visits, without a "book-wagon," without a deposit system, without facilities for parcel post deliveries, and without a library bulletin of its own, all of which have since been added to it. In 1900 the staff numbered 19, at the end of 1924 it was 60; the pay-roll rose from \$15,099 to \$125,390; the circulation of books from 106,452 to 877,135; and the registration of borrowers from 14,192 to 57,341.

NEW YORK

Two important increases in library service are noted in the twentieth annual report of the State Department of Education of the University of the State of New York for the school year ending July 31, 1923, recently published. The amount expended by cities for school libraries was \$278,903, an increase over 1922 of \$9,234, and by the state, \$475,305, an increase of \$6,278. The amount expended by towns, \$196,402, was a decrease of \$2,956 from the figures of the previous year. The Library Extension Division in 1923 sent 1186 libraries to schools, an increase of 82 or seven and one half per cent, but an increase of 115 per cent over 1918. Applications from all sources numbered 1944, and in all 70,386 volumes were shipped. An account of library progress in the state in 1924, giving particular attention to the large number of new library buildings built or contracted for, was published in the *LIBRARY JOURNAL* for January 15 (p. 91-92).

SOUTH CAROLINA

The library of the South Carolina Experiment Station at Clemson College (Clemson College, S. C.) was totally destroyed last month by fire.

In the difficult task of rebuilding the collection gifts of duplicates, whether of books or periodicals, will be of great assistance. Following is a list of the periodicals files of which are greatly needed. Gifts will be acknowledged by the librarian, Mrs. Crown Torrence.

Aberdeen-Angus J; Ag Eng; Ag Gaz of N S Wales; Ag R; Am Bee J; Am Fert; Am For; Am Fruit Grower; Am Hereford J; Am J Bot; Am P Advocate; Am P. J; Am Peat Soc J; Am Soc Agron J; Am Thresherman; Ann Ent Soc of Am.
Baking-Tech; Banker-F; Berkshire World; Better Farming; Better Fruit; Bot Gaz; Bot Abstracts; Breeders' Gaz; Brooklyn Ins of A & S leaflets record; Bull of Torrey Bot Club.
Cal Countryman; Cal Cultivator; Com Fert; Cotton News; Country Gent; Country Life; Creamery; Creamery J; Crops & Markets.
Ecol; Entom News; Exp Sta Record.
Farm & Ranch; Farming; Farmers' Express; Farmers' Nat Mag-Wash.; Field JI.; Florida Entom; Flour & Gard Chron Am; Gard M; Genetics; Cleanings; Feed; Furrow.
Guernsey Breeders' J.
Hampshire Advocate; Hawaiian For; Hoard's D; Holstein W; Hoosier Hort; Hort; House & Gard.
Int R Ag Econ; Int R Sci & Prac Ag.
Jersey B & Dairy World; J Ag & Hort (Quebec); J Ag New Zealand; J Ag Research; J Ag Sci; J Biological Chem; J Dept S. Africa; J Dept Ag S Australia; J Dept Ag Victoria; J Econ Entom; J For; J Heredity; J Genetics; J Ministry Ag; Jersey B.
Leghorn World; Lab J.
Manufg Record; Market Growers J; Mycol; Maryland Farmer.
Nat Geographic; Nat Nurseryman; Nat Stock & F; New Reclamation Era; N A Flora.
O Judd Ill F; Ohio F.
Pacific Dairy Review; Pan-Am Union Bull; Philippine Ag R; Philippine J of Soc; Phyt; Poland China J; Prog F; Power F; Pub Ser Mont; Purdue Ag.
Queensland.
Review of Applied Entom.
Sci; Sci Am; Seed Word; Soil Sci; Southern Agriculturalist; Southern Cultivator; Southern Florist; Southern Planter; Southern Ruralist; Successful F; Swine World.
Textile World; Tropical Ag.
Wallaces' F; World Ag; Wilson Bull (Oberlin O).
Zoological Soc Bull.

MISSOURI

In a summary of activities in St. Louis under the bond issue of \$87,372,500 authorized two years ago for public improvements, contributed by Lucius H. Cannon to the recent number of *Know St. Louis*, the libraries of the city make a good showing.

The public, or semi-public libraries of St. Louis, in the order of size, are the St. Louis Public Library (670,000 volumes; 250,000 pamphlets), Washington University libraries (225,000 volumes), embracing the general library (125,000), that of the medical school

(35,000), the art school (3,000) and the Missouri Botanical Garden (Shaw School of Botany) (62,000), the Mercantile Library (160,000), St. Louis University (75,000), the Missouri Historical Society (88,000), the Law Library (40,000), Harris Teachers' College (30,000), Concordia Seminary (30,000), St. Louis Medical Society (21,000), Central Bureau of the Central Verein (10,000), City Art Museum (5,000), and Xenia Theological Seminary (5,000).

The oldest general library, the Mercantile, opened in 1846, still requires a fee. The Public Library was established in 1865 as an adjunct to the Public Schools and required a fee, wholly or in part, until reorganized and made free in 1893. It now circulates over two million volumes yearly, occupies a central building costing \$1,800,000, six branch buildings, and offers its service through 245 different agencies of distribution, embracing deposits in schools, churches, clubs, hospitals and industrial and commercial institutions. Noteworthy are its work with groups, organized and unorganized (4,000 group-meetings yearly in fifteen rooms offered free of charge for this purpose), that of its Art Department, used by architects, designers and commercial artists, that of its music collection, all for free circulation and with the schools. It offers to teachers the free use of a special department and also operates three branches in school buildings functioning as school libraries and at the same time as community branches. Its Municipal Reference Library, in the City Hall, is an adjunct in its legislative and administrative work. The Library issues yearly a considerable number of publications, including a *Monthly Bulletin*.

OHIO

A bond issue of \$25,000 for the purchase of the South Side library site has been unanimously approved by the Council. The remainder of the purchase price (\$37,500) will come from public donations and the building will be erected with money subscribed by the residents of Youngstown. Work on the building will begin in December.

ILLINOIS

Albert W. Swayne, vice-president of the Chicago Real Estate Board, has made a gift to the Chicago Public Library of \$5000 for the purchase of a collection of 33,000 stereopticon slides and 12,000 negatives, the stock of a local firm retiring from business. The collection is to be made available for use by local educators, lecturers, and organizations.

Another manifestation of generous public spirit and of interest in the Library was received from the owner of the premises occupied by Sheridan Branch Library, who offered the Board the use of an additional store for that Branch without cost. The Branch has been in great need of more space for its expanding activities, but the Board found it impossible to incur the added expense of increased rental. The offer was made without solicitation and included redecorating the entire space occupied by the Branch, and the removal of partitions to afford access to the newly added store.

WASHINGTON

Only registered libraries are required to submit reports to the Washington State Library. Of the eighty-five reporting in the biennium ending June 30, 1924, 51 were public libraries in municipalities, four of which receive support from the county or an area larger than the municipality in return for service rendered to rural residents. Only twenty-one, in towns with population of 4,000 or more, have a yearly income of over \$3,000. Twenty towns of from 1,000 to 3,000 population do not report any public library, and eleven counties do not have within their borders any public library. About half of the state's population of 1,356,621 have free access to public libraries. The State Library Organizer believes that a county library system is needed but that the time is not propitious for urging new legislation, since the State Library Committee has a definite program of other library activities which necessitates focusing attention on matters which demand a change in existing library organization at headquarters. The State Library Committee was created by the Administrative Code of 1921, succeeding the State Library Commission, and its first biennial report, from which these figures are taken, succeeds the serial reports of the State Library, 17th biennial report, and the State Traveling Library, 8th biennial report. Formal consolidation of the latter two cannot be effected until some action is taken by the legislature, but the two departments have by mutual agreement contributed from their budgets for a fund toward establishing a department to answer demands from out in the field. The Traveling Library in the past biennium sent out 67,118 books to 564 stations. Besides the public libraries, there are in the state six college or university libraries, three normal school libraries and 15 high school libraries; four county law libraries; five libraries in state penal and corrective institutions, and one hospital library supported by the United States Government.

FRANCE

Two interesting pieces of work have been undertaken by the students at the Paris Library School as part of their practice work during the present school year: Under the direction of M. Morel, who is in charge of the "Service du Dépôt Légal" at the Bibliothèque Nationale and a professor at the school, and of M. Royer of the Cercle de la Librairie, students of the Paris Library School brought the *Bibliographie de la France* up to date, after it had been several months behind in its publication, and under the direction of Miss Mann, chief instructor in the school, a group is making a

dictionary catalog for the library of the Ecole de Service Social of Paris.

Other practice work has been done in the American Library in Paris, the Bibliothèque de Belleville, the Bibliothèque Sainte Geneviève, Bibliothèque Forney, Bibliothèque d'Art et d'Archéologie, l'Heure Joyeuse, Archives Départementales, at Versailles, Bibliothèque de l'Office National du Commerce Extérieur, Bibliothèque de la Chambre de Commerce and the Institut International de Bibliographie in Brussels. In accordance with an official request made to the School by the Administrateur-Général, one hundred and eighty hours of practice work at the Bibliothèque Nationale will be required of each French student during coming school year.

THE OPEN ROUND TABLE

THE UNION LIST OF PERIODICALS AND THE SMALL LIBRARY

To the Editor of the LIBRARY JOURNAL:

In the communication from the committee on a Union list of periodicals, appearing in LIBRARY JOURNAL for Feb. 15, on page 184, is the following:

"The committee strongly urges the co-operating libraries to examine their broken files and their collection of duplicates to see what can be offered to other institutions on exchange account."

This Union list has not been of much significance to small college libraries, as their files are so few. Here perhaps is the chance for the small library to make some progress in building up sets of serials. Duplicates are not likely to be of much interest to the larger contributing libraries. They would often offer the smaller libraries a good beginning in many a set that would otherwise not be likely to be secured; or would fill in gaps in sets already started. This library has made already some beginning in this work, largely thru the assistance of the John Crerar Library. We have secured considerable runs of sets which our funds would not permit us to subscribe for.

It would be a great advantage to us if we could secure access to the list of duplicates from such libraries as would be willing to dispose of these duplicates. Perhaps some of these co-operating libraries might be ready at once to send us direct such duplicate lists and the terms on which they could be secured.

WILLIAM H. POWERS, *Librarian,*
South Dakota State College.

AMONG LIBRARIANS

BAUMLER, Jane I., 1913-15 Simmons, for the past year field librarian for Gaylord Brothers and for eight years on the staff of the Utica (N. Y.) Public Library, becomes consulting librarian for Yawman and Erbe in their new Library Service Department on her return from Hawaii in the summer.

BOLANDER, Louis H., 1919-20 New York Public, reference librarian at Duke University Library, Durham, N. C., appointed asst. ln. at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis, Md.

BURBANK, Jane Lord, 1919 New York State, will leave the Dyer Library, Saco, Maine, where she has been librarian for four years, to accept the librarianship of the Public Library of Portland, Maine, July 1.

BREDSTED, Aage Jakobsen, 1920-21 New York State, has succeeded H. H. Lassen, 1911-12 New York State, as librarian of the County Library, Vejle, Denmark.

CATE, Chester M., who succeeded George Watson Cole last October as librarian of the Henry E. Huntington Library, was found shot dead near his automobile on a lonely road in the suburbs of Los Angeles, May 20.

CURRY, Arthur R., formerly assistant librarian of the University of Oklahoma Library, and since 1923 secretary of the Indiana Library Commission appointed librarian of the Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

DEVER, Owen C., formerly a New York State assemblyman and for four years a trustee and secretary to the Board of Directors of the Queens Borough (N. Y.) Public Library has been elected director of that library succeeding John C. Atwater who resigned recently to return to school work. Mr. Dever acted as director temporarily in 1920.

ELLIOTT, Katherine, has resigned as Archivist of the Texas State Library effective June 15, having been appointed as secretary to the Commercial Attaché of the American Embassy, at Madrid, Spain. Harriet Smither, at present a fellow in history at the University of Texas, has been appointed to succeed her.

HOLMES, Marjorie, 1914 New York Public, is working upon historical scrapbooks in the collection of Ex-Senator Elihu Root.

GEORGE, Clara Barton, 1919 Simmons, has been appointed assistant librarian, U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 60, Oteen, N. C.

GROESBECK, Mrs. Mamie O., 1917 New York Public, head cataloger in the Springfield (Mo.)

Public Library, appointed librarian of the Beaumont (Tex.) Public Library.

LASSEN, H. Hvenejaard, 1911-12 New York State, librarian of the County library, Vejle, Denmark for the past 10 years, is now librarian of the public and county library at Odense.

MCGREGOR, Bessie E., 1920 New York Public, librarian of the Port Richmond Branch of the New York Public Library, appointed librarian of the Cape May (N. J.) County Library.

MAINE, Mary B., for the last 20 years ln. of the Ipswich (Mass.) Public L., has resigned and is succeeded by Grace E. Baxter of Oakham.

MATTHEWS, Charles Grant, librarian of Ohio University at Athens, Ohio, is the author of a volume of verses celebrating "the three great loves of man, that of nature, of fellowship, of deity." Boston: Stratford, 1924. 75 p.

MILLER, Ruth, 1923 N. Y. S., formerly of the University of Missouri and St. Joseph (Mo.) Public Library staffs appointed to the staff of the Cossitt Library of Memphis, Tenn., with the principal duty of conducting an apprentice class.

ROGAN, Octavia Fry, 1924 Illinois, now legislative reference librarian of the Texas State Library becomes state librarian September 1.

RYAN, Charlotte, 1916-17 Illinois, has been elected legislative reference librarian at the Texas State Library effective September 1.

WEST, Elizabeth Howard, Texas state librarian, has resigned to become librarian of the newly established Texas Technological College, a state institution at Lubbock, Texas.

The following students of the New York State Library School have recently received appointments to the positions indicated: Dorothy Brown, head of the Catalog Department, East Cleveland (O.) P. L.; Leo R. Etzkorn, head of the Technology Department, Youngstown (O.) P. L.; Blanche Williams, first assistant, Civics Section, Detroit (Mich.) P. L. Class of 1926: Mrs. Irene Conner, assistant for the summer, Dartmouth College Library; Anna P. Durand, assistant, circulation department, University of Tennessee L.; Grace L. Giffin, assistant for the summer, circulation department, New York P. L.; Florence A. Loomis, librarian, High School L., Middletown, N. Y.; Katharine I. Many, assistant cataloger, Vassar College L.; Helen H. Miller, ln., High School L., Boise, Idaho; Doris M. Wells, assistant, Denver (Colo.) P. L.

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of San Francisco in the handling of their medical journals. The promptness and accuracy in receiving the journals from the publishers have been duly noticed and much appreciated by the doctors and the librarian. We heartily recommend to any library or institution the excellent service of this agency.—*Daisy Furscott, Librarian.*

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- June 3-4. At Sault Ste Marie, Mich. Upper Peninsula Library Association.
- June 15-20. At Vassar College, Poughkeepsie. New York Li-

- brary Association's thirty-fifth annual conference. The new guest house and one or more of the dormitories will be available for the use of delegates.
- June 22-27. At the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass. Massachusetts Library Club's meeting in which the other five New England states have planned to co-operate.
- June 23-25. At the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass. Annual convention of the Special Libraries Association, in co-operation with the Massachusetts Library Club and other New England Associations.
- June 23. At the New Ocean House, Swampscott, Mass. Boston Regional Group of Catalogers and Classifiers will hold a special meeting during the sessions of the Massachusetts Library Club to which all eastern catalogers are invited. Flora E. Wise, of Wellesley College, secretary.
- June 29-July 1. At Eureka and Arcata, Humboldt County, Calif. California Library Association. June 30 will be spent at Arcata.
- July 6-11. At Seattle, Wash. Forty-sixth annual conference of the A. L. A. and affiliated organizations.
- July 29-August 1. At Chautauqua, New York. Chautauqua Library Conference.
- Sept. 14-19. In Birmingham, England. Annual conference of the Library Association.
- October 1-3. At Pueblo. Joint meeting of the Colorado and New Mexico Library Association.
- October 6-7. At La Crosse. Meeting of the Wisconsin Library Association.
- October 8-10. At Libby, Lincoln County. Montana Library Association.
- October 13-15. At Rockford. Illinois Library Association.
- October 14-16. At Sioux City, Iowa. Regional A. L. A. meeting in which the library association of Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri will join.
- Oct. 20-23. At Fort Wayne. Joint meeting of the Indiana, Michigan and Ohio Library Associations.
- October. Exact date to be announced later. Regional meeting of the American Library Association at Sioux City under the auspices of the library associations of Minnesota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa and Iowa.
- October. Exact date later. At Winchester, Va. Virginia Library Association.
- The next meeting of the North Carolina Library Association will be held in the fall at Chapel Hill. Exact dates will be announced later.
- There will be no regular meeting this year of the Pacific Northwestern Library Association on account of the Western meeting of the American Library Association. The P. N. L. A. will have a short business session at Seattle.
- Oct. 30. At Wheeling. West Virginia Library Association. Ora Peters, State Normal School Library, Athens, secretary.

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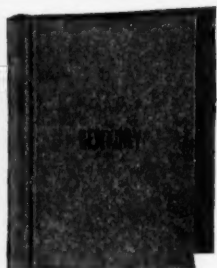
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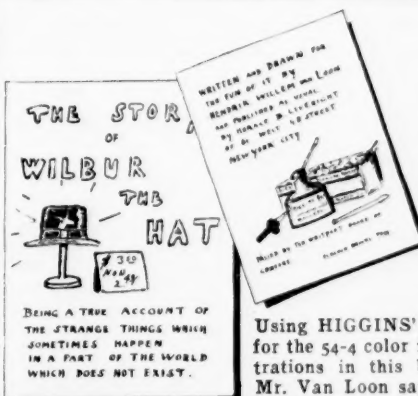
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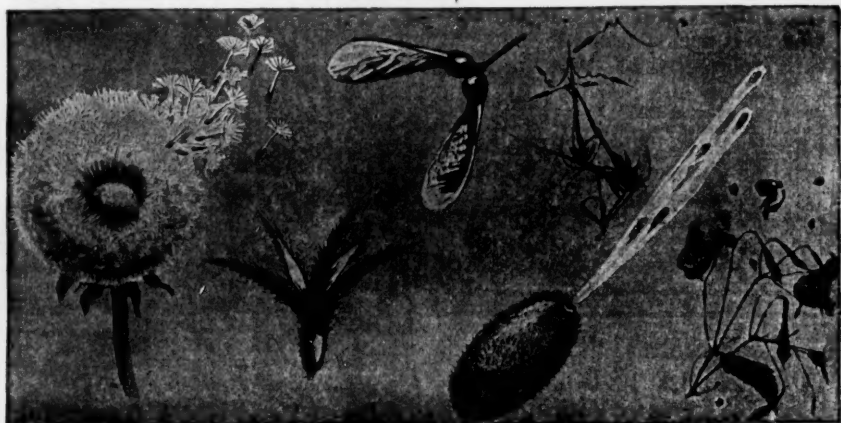
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